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# Intelligence officer contradicts CBS

NEW YORK (UPI) — A former intelligence officer yesterday contradicted a CBS documentary that said Gen. William Westmoreland was unsure what to tell President Johnson about enemy troop strength in Vietnam.

CBS said Gen. Westmoreland, who is suing the network for \$120 million over the 1982 documentary that accused him of lying about the strength of the enemy in South Vietnam, had said: "What am I going to tell the press? What am I going to tell the Congress? What am I going to tell the President?"

Col. Edward Caton, now retired from the Air Force, attended weekly briefings with Westmoreland and other staff officers and prepared daily intelligence reports on enemy troop strength while stationed in Saigon from June 1966 to June 1967.

Mr. Caton was asked by the general's attorney, David Densen, if he ever heard Gen. Westmoreland say after a briefing, "What am I going to tell the president?"

"No, sir, I did not," replied Mr. Caton. "It would be unlike Gen.

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Westmoreland. It would be uncharacteristic."

"Did you hear anyone else say, 'What am I going to tell the president?'" asked Mr. Densen.

Replied Mr. Caton: "Gen. Earl Wheeler ... He was surprised." Gen. Wheeler was head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the time.

Asked later about his opinion of the enemy's capability at the end of his tour, Mr. Caton said, "I had indications that led us to logically conclude we had done serious damage to the enemy and he was less capable than when I arrived."

Robert Komer, who was sent to Saigon in 1967 as a diplomat operating under Gen. Westmoreland, briefly preceeded Mr. Caton to the stand to clarify answers given during his testimony Wednesday.